Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

April 2012

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.5 percent between March 2012 and April 2012 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.4 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index both rose 0.5 percent, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the April All-items Index increased from March 2012 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline, purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, passenger vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs and homeowners' maintenance and repairs. Prices also rose for cablevision and satellite services (including pay per view television), home entertainment equipment, parts and services and fresh fruit.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for natural gas, women's clothing, furniture and traveller accommodation. Prices also fell for processed meat, fresh vegetables and dairy products.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 2.1 percent between April 2011 and April 2012 while the Canada All-items Index increased 2.0 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 2.4 percent and 2.0 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The April All-items Index increased from April 2011 primarily due to higher prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, mortgage interest cost, rent and homeowners' replacement cost. Prices also increased for telephone services, passenger vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs and fresh fruit.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for natural gas, furniture, fresh vegetables and home entertainment equipment, parts and services. Prices also declined for personal care supplies and equipment, sugar and confectionery and recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles).

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

	Index (2002 = 100)		Percent Change	
	Apr. 2012	Mar. 2012	Mar. 2012 to Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011 to Apr. 2012
SASKATCHEWAN				
All-Items	124.2	123.6	0.5	2.1
Food	130.4	130.2	0.2	2.4
Shelter	146.2	146.5	-0.2	2.0
Household Operations and Furnishings	106.3	106.6	-0.3	1.9
Clothing and Footwear	96.2	98.0	-1.8	4.3
Transportation	121.5	118.9	2.2	2.9
Health and Personal Care	114.5	114.0	0.4	0.3
Recreation, Education and Reading	106.4	105.6	0.8	0.9
Tobacco and Alcohol	143.7	142.9	0.6	2.1
All-Items Excluding Energy	122.1	121.5	0.5	2.6
Energy	144.0	142.6	1.0	-1.0
CANADA				
All-Items	122.2	121.7	0.4	2.0
Food	130.1	130.0	0.1	2.5
Shelter	126.6	126.6	0.0	1.1
Household Operations and Furnishings	112.6	112.7	-0.1	2.6
Clothing and Footwear	95.3	94.8	0.5	2.4
Transportation	131.3	129.5	1.4	3.2
Health and Personal Care	118.9	118.3	0.5	1.4
Recreation, Education and Reading	105.4	104.9	0.5	0.3
Tobacco and Alcohol	137.7	137.5	0.1	2.0
All-Items Excluding Energy	119.1	118.7	0.3	2.1
Energy	161.0	159.5	0.9	1.1
REGINA				
All-Items	124.8	124.2	0.5	2.4
SASKATOON				
All-Items	124.6	124.0	0.5	2.0

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Mar. 2012 to Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011 to Apr. 2012
Canada	0.4	2.0
Newfoundland	1.0	3.0
Prince Edward Island	0.6	2.4
Nova Scotia	0.6	2.6
New Brunswick	0.7	2.6
Quebec	0.4	2.4
Ontario	0.3	2.1
Manitoba	0.8	1.8
Saskatchewan	0.5	2.1
Alberta	0.3	0.8
British Columbia	0.3	1.6
Whitehorse	0.5	2.9
Yellowknife	1.2	3.5
Iqaluit	0.4	1.5

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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Mar. 2011 to Apr. 2012	Apr. 2011 to Apr. 2012
St. John's	1.1	3.1
Charlottetown-Summerside	0.6	2.3
Halifax	0.6	2.4
Saint John	0.7	2.5
Quebec City	0.4	2.4
Montreal	0.4	2.2
Ottawa	0.3	2.0
Toronto	0.3	2.2
Thunder Bay	0.2	1.5
Winnipeg	0.7	1.8
Regina	0.5	2.4
Saskatoon	0.5	2.0
Edmonton	0.3	1.0
Calgary	0.3	0.9
Vancouver	0.3	1.9
Victoria	0.3	1.6
Whitehorse	0.5	2.9
Yellowknife	1.2	3.5
Iqaluit	0.4	1.5

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